

As we celebrate the American ideals of freedom and justice for all...

- **The U.S. government is still holding 270 detainees in Guantánamo, Cuba – even though there's more and more evidence that most were in no sense terrorists.**

Not one of them has been convicted of a crime. Charges have been filed against only 20. Recent U.S. court decisions have repudiated the Bush administration's denial of their legal rights. Yet most of them are still kept in isolation for 22 hours a day in small "supermax"-style cells with little or no natural light or fresh air and no contact with any other human. Most have never been allowed to make even a single phone call home during the six-plus years they have been detained.

- **The U.S. government is holding tens of thousands of people in offshore prisons in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.**

Only about one percent of U.S. overseas prisoners are in Guantánamo. According to official figures, some 27,000 people are locked up in U.S. prisons at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Somalia, at CIA "black sites" around the world, and apparently even on ships converted into floating prisons. We don't know much about conditions in these prisons, but evidence suggests that they make Guantánamo look good.

- **At home, the U.S. imprisons more people than any other country in the world.**

More than 2.2 million people are confined in our prisons and jails. (China ranks second with 1.5 million - and it has four times the population of the U.S.!) Over the last five years the U.S. has also detained more than 1.5 million immigrants, locking them up for an average of 37.5 days each. Cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment, including beatings, sexual humiliation, and prolonged isolation, are commonplace in America's jails, prisons, and detention centers.

More information: www.actagainsttorture.org



Celebrate July 4 today.

Tomorrow, take a stand for peace, decency, and human rights.

Before you give your support to anyone running for office this fall, insist that he or she agree to:

Shut down Guantanamo and *all* offshore prisons.

Stop torture, and prosecute everyone responsible for it.

End the war in Iraq.

Prevent war on Iran.